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Biden Announces Community Shredding Events This Spring

Free community service offered to help consumers safely destroy sensitive documents, avoid identity theft

Wilmington – Attorney General Beau Biden today announced that his Consumer Protection Unit is sponsoring four community shredding events at locations statewide this spring to help consumers safely destroy sensitive documents and prevent identity theft. Each event will feature free on-site document shredding and staff from his office will be available to provide information and answer questions about consumer scams and frauds. Consumers may bring up to **three** file-sized boxes of documents; emptied boxes will be immediately returned.

“Consumers can help guard themselves against identity theft by taking some simple precautions, such as closely monitoring their bank and credit card accounts, limiting information they share online, and shredding documents that contain personal information,” said Biden. “I encourage all Delawareans to take advantage of our free shredding events and to contact us to learn more about avoiding identity theft and other scams.”

Identity theft can occur in a variety of ways, from email and texting scams to thieves rummaging through trash for bank statements, bills, and other documents that contain consumers’ information. Shredding these documents before discarding them is an effective method of fighting theft at its source.

Shredding events will take place at the following dates and locations:

Saturday, March 24 (rain date - March 31)

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Glasgow Regional Park Day *

Route 40 and Route 896, Newark

* The Attorney General’s Office is proud to sponsor consumer shredding in support of the Inaugural Glasgow Regional Park Community Day, hosted by New Castle County Councilman Dave Tackett and co-hosted by State Senator Bethany Hall Long, State Representative Earl Jaques, New Castle County Executive Paul Clark, and New Castle County Councilmembers Lisa Diller and Bill Powers. The day’s events feature emergency services demonstrations, health and wellness screenings, family entertainment and outdoor activities, and more. Visit www.nccde.org for more information.

Saturday, May 12

9 am - 1 pm

Lowe's/BJ's parking lot at Peninsula Crossing Shopping Center
Route 113, Millsboro

Saturday, June 9, 2012

9 am - 1 pm

Boscov's parking lot at the Dover Mall
1365 N. DuPont Highway, Dover

Saturday, June 23

9 am - 1 pm

Frawley Stadium Parking Lot
801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington

To learn more about protecting yourself from identity theft, call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424 or visit www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers.

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